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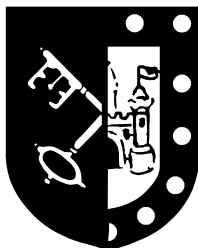
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Welcome to the August issue of the *Berkhamsted Review*.

Three journeys feature in this issue. Each is, or has been, a profoundly challenging experience for the traveller.

Fr Robin Figg asks for our prayers as he journeys to his new parish in Kildwick in Yorkshire. On the face of it a quiet rural parish, Kildwick is in fact close to many of the recent scenes of rioting and racial tension in the north. Robin's time in Berkhamsted has been one of growth and development in our parish. His leadership and presence has been a great blessing for his flock in Hertfordshire; we send our best wishes with him, Elizabeth and their boys to Yorkshire.

Gerry Morrish developed the idea of a pilgrimage to Walsingham into an exploratory journey across modern England the hard way. The distance, the weather and the perils of the road almost caught him out. But he won through. Read his tale to see how even in today's Britain travel can be a true adventure.

Norman Cutting went to see for himself if the countryside really was open as the recent foot and mouth epidemic began to decline. His graphic story shows how lucky we were in this part of the country to escape the consequences of the outbreak.

David Woodward

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***Fr Robin Figg
sums up his years
in Berkhamsted
and looks towards
the future.***

The time has come to say 'goodbye'. In just a couple of weeks Elizabeth and I will watch our home being packed up and loaded into the big blue van before we bid our farewell to Berkhamsted and our many friends here. Of course, we hope we will see some of you again when you travel north to explore the delights of the Yorkshire Dales.

Fr Mark told you last month that, as from 8th September, I am to be the next vicar of the Parish of St Andrew, Kildwick, which lies between Skipton and Keighley in West Yorkshire. It is a semi-rural parish of 3,500 people with a fine largely 14th century church. The parish is part of the Diocese of Bradford which is a place of great contrasts; both deeply urban and deeply rural. Kildwick is just a few miles from the open expanse of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, but also not far from the multicultural communities of Keighley and Bradford. Keighley is now over 50 per cent Asian, so given the recent events in Bradford, Burnley and Oldham, the people of Kildwick are deeply concerned about the increasing level of racial tension in nearby towns. Please pray for the people of these towns that trust will be re-established between different social and racial groups. Pray for a renewed commitment to the building up of community.

So that's where I am going to; what about where I'm leaving from? As a family, we have enjoyed our time in Berkhamsted; we have made many good friends and will take many good memories with us. Life as priest in charge of All Saints' has not always been easy, but it has been a valuable experience for me and, I

trust, has prepared me well for my first incumbency. I have valued being Fr Mark's colleague enormously and have learnt much from being part of the worshipping life of St Peter's. At All Saints' the local ecumenical partnership has continued to be a source of challenge to successive priests in charge, but there have been several wonderful high points along the way which has helped remind people of what is possible.

Many of you will remember with great joy Ella's Ridgeway Day in June 1999, when the three congregations came together in the most marvellous way in support of Ella Beaumont. Five months later the people of All Saints' did it again when we held a successful weekend festival in support of our millennium garden project. Who can forget also the two New Year's Eve parties held in the church to celebrate the millennium year?

But the life of a local church is not just about its social and fundraising life, important though this is. All Saints' is a church where Anglicans and Methodists work and worship together so I am delighted that I was able to be part of the recent silver jubilee celebrations to mark 25 years of shared use of the building of All Saints'.

Now my time has come to move on and make room for another priest. I am pleased that the forthcoming vacancy will be radically shorter than the last one. In the New Year the Reverend Martin Wright will be licensed as the next priest in charge of All Saints'. Martin is presently the NSM curate at St Mary, Marshalswick in St Albans and is transferring to the stipendiary ministry. Pray for Martin as he

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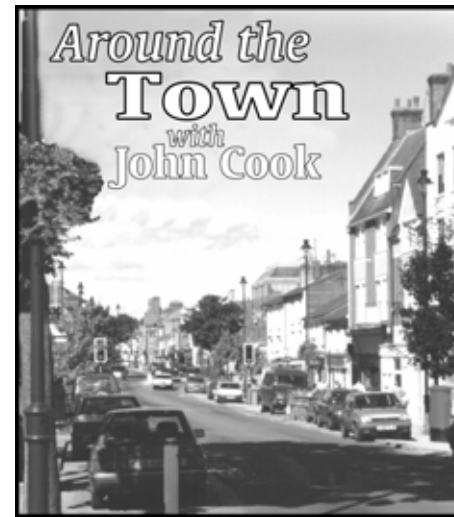
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The Berkhamsted Institute

Despite having no shelf-space at home for them, I bought three large volumes of a Victorian work called *The History of Mankind* at the bookstall at the Petertide Fair, principally because of the illustrations in them - over 1,000 very nice steel engravings. It was not until I had smuggled the books into the house and begun to dip into them that I discovered they were stamped inside with the words *Berkhamsted Mechanics Institute*. Someone must have bought them when the Institute was closed and its library was sold off. The last time the books were taken out of the library was in 1946, before then 1938. Even in those days this heavy work of anthropology must have seemed decidedly dry and old-fashioned - definitely not to everyone's taste.

What a noble idea the so-called mechanics institutes were when they sprang up in the middle of the 19th century. This was at a time when large numbers of working class people were learning to read and write, and yet books, even newspapers and magazines, were priced beyond the means of most of them, and there were no public libraries. The institutes provided libraries, reading rooms and opportunities for further education that

had never existed before for ordinary people.

A quite humble local leather-seller called Henry Nash was largely responsible for getting the Berkhamsted Mechanics Institute going. Its early meetings were held in the living room above his shop, which by a remarkable coincidence is the very spot where I am writing this article. No 21, Castle Street was built as an alehouse, but in its early days it was Nash's leather shop until he moved next door but one. Soon after that No 21 was opened as a pub - the *Gardener's Arms*.

When the old Berkhamsted market house was burnt down in 1854 a visionary group of people came up with the idea of replacing it with a really special new building on a new site. As well as a market hall it would incorporate a large assembly hall for the Town and also accommodation for the burgeoning Mechanics Institute, consisting of a library and a reading room. Funds were raised and the new building, which came to be called the Town Hall, was opened in 1859. It was afterwards extended at the back with the Sessions Hall and a billiards room underneath.

The Berkhamsted Mechanics Institute, later called just The Berkhamsted Institute, survived in the Town Hall for over a century; but its days were numbered with the coming of public libraries, television, cheap newspapers and books and other ways for people to spend their spare time. The old Institute rooms upstairs at the front of the Town Hall lay derelict for 20 years or more until quite recently they were splendidly converted into what we now call the Clock Room.

You might wonder what the founders of adult education for the masses would have made of today's world. Not much, I suspect. Despite all the educational opportunities we have, we are told that people can't cope with the collects in the new C of E prayer book because they contain relative clauses. Then the most widely read and influential newspaper, *The Sun*, uses only short sentences, often

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without a verb, and only one sentence to a paragraph in order to be read and understood. But I suppose it is not the words but the pictures that sell that paper.

Population Explosion

The prolonged heavy rain in the winter resulted in Berkhamsted's population rising by at least 100 in the spring. I refer not to people (have you noticed that these days in the media they never talk about people; they refer to us as *humans*), but rather to wild fowl. The moats of the castle which have been flooded now for most of the year have made an unusually attractive place for ducks and the like to breed and raise their families.

At least six broods of mallards, five of coots and two of moorhens have resulted. There may be more; it is difficult to see them sometimes in the long rushes. This contrasts with some previous years when the moats have been dry and sometimes there have not been more than one or two families starting their lives there.

It is an ideal spot for ducks to breed when there is plenty of water. The predators that might eat the young elsewhere, like pike in the canal are not a problem there. The odd chick may go to a heron or a fox, but for three months the water level was so high that the causeway was flooded and the centre part of the castle was an island. Foxes, my book tells me, although they can swim, don't take to water unless they have to.



The Town Hall – home to the Mechanics Institute.



Do GSOH, LTR and WLTM mean anything to you?

Know Your Abbreviations

Perhaps after doing the crossword puzzle in the paper on a Wednesday morning and still feeling in need of intellectual exercise, you might like to turn to the *Good Company* section of the *Gazette* and try to make out what it is all about. The entries are in a special shorthand, and there is no legend to help you to interpret them. 'Lonely female, 51, caring and sincere, medium build, GSOH, WLTM a man willing to offer lots of TLC'. In the same issue 'Slim, separated male, 5ft 10ins' also wants GSOH and WLTM, but instead of TLC he wants 'nice LTR'.

If you are unattached you might even like to try your luck with an entry: the *Gazette* makes it easy. You only have to phone up and it's free, but you are allowed not more than 20 words in which to sell yourself, hence the wide use of initials. There are so many entries these days that they fill half a page of the newspaper. And if you are a gentleman who is knocking on a bit and may have thought you were long out of the running, here is another entry, again from the same issue to give you hope: 'Swedish woman, 60, N/S in London, WLTM old male for companionship'. ❖

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This year marks the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Mothers' Union. Begun in 1876 by Mary Sumner in Old Alresford, Hampshire, it has grown from a small group of mothers meeting in the rectory to be an international organisation with over a million members throughout the world.

Mary Sumner was a remarkable woman. She grew up in Victorian England, and, aware of the responsibilities of motherhood, believed women from every kind of background needed support to bring up their children in the love of God. Mary Sumner was a woman of vision and courage. She was 48 years old when she gathered her first group of women together to explain the objects of the society and to give out cards to help members in their daily lives. In 1885 Mary Sumner addressed the women's meeting at the Portsmouth church congress. This was a remarkable undertaking for a woman in Victorian England, and as a result the Mothers' Union became a diocesan organisation. It rapidly spread throughout the United Kingdom and started in this diocese in 1891. The M.U. became established overseas, following the church in the Anglican Communion, and is now active in 60 countries with 254 paid workers supporting and empowering women in their communities.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Margaret Burbidge reflects on 125 years of the Mothers' Union.

The M.U. has always been concerned with marriage and Christian family life and has sought to keep abreast of the changes in society that affect families today. As a grass-roots organisation its views are sought by government on legislation affecting marriage and families.

A commitment to stable family life and the protection of children and helping those in need, has led the M.U. to work in prisons, hospitals and child contact centres, as well as being involved in projects in local communities.

There have already been celebrations of the 125 years of the M.U. On 7th June the Queen, as patron, attended a service in Westminster Abbey. Members in this diocese will join together in St Albans Abbey on Thursday 9th August, Mary Sumner Day. The service will mirror that held in Westminster Abbey and will be used by other dioceses, linking members through prayer and worship. Members' commitment to the M.U. can perhaps be summed up in the words of Mary Sumner's personal prayer, which are as relevant today as when they were written: *All this day O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee, and every life I touch, do thou by thy Spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live.* ❖

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prepares to come here; pray also for Paul Timmis who will begin as the new Methodist Minister in September.

I move on confident about the future life of All Saints'. But I would encourage people to be open to new possibilities for the church; I can't help but wonder if the time will soon be right to begin thinking

seriously about All Saints' becoming a single congregation LEP. A thought for you to chew on!

Now please pray for my family and for the people of St Andrew, Kildwick. I will pray for you and the life of this town and parish. Grace, mercy and peace be with you. ❖

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Getting around the town this summer is going to be a serious problem for many people who rely on using their cars. Transco digging up the High Street to replace a gas main and Laings closing down Manor Street to connect a sewer in preparation for their rebuilding project are just the beginning.

One would have thought that Transco would have co-ordinated their digging operations with Laings so that it would not be necessary for both disruptive activities to be going on at the same time. Apparently such co-ordination defeats sophisticated modern businesses that can perform miraculous feats of engineering – such as mobile phones and the Internet. As the building work progresses, finding a parking space as well as simply moving about the town will become almost impossible

Have you noticed that even before the chaos caused by these works it was much more difficult to find a parking space in Berkhamsted than it used to be? There's much talk in government white papers of the decline of the market town and the need for their urgent regeneration but Berkhamsted is busier than ever before. The result is that finding a parking space in town when you need one is more and more difficult. Even the station car park – the least used park in town – has seen a six per cent increase this year despite the daily parking charge rising from £1.60 a day to £1.70 a day. The borough council manages four car parks in town, only one of which is free – at Canal Fields. The others recently had their fees increased from 10p for the first two hours to 20p amidst howls of outrage and cries of 'double taxation'. The borough council car parks elsewhere in the borough are free. The parking fee was imposed in Berkhamsted many years

council & news views

Local councillor **Ian Reay** is concerned about mobility in our town this summer.

ago to discourage commuters from parking in the town centre. Given the size of the fee charged by Silverlink, this strategy can only be of limited use. Many park on the streets around the town.

Clearly, what is needed is a thorough review of car parking and traffic issues more generally in the town.

Last year the public car parks in Berkhamsted cost the borough council tax payers £135,000 to manage (including the CCTV monitors) which was offset by £88,000 of income from parking fees. Such a review will soon be getting under way as part of an exercise which will cover Hemel Hempstead and Tring as well. The project will take 18 months to complete. A recently introduced scheme in Watford involves controlled parking zones and residents' permits.

Another illustration of the limited space in the town nowadays is the choice of a site for skateboarders. A skateboarding park in town looks much closer now that the borough council has agreed to donate £20,000 towards its construction. The site that has been agreed, subject to planning approval, is close to the Sports Centre and Youth Club in Lagley Meadow. This is not a popular location with residents of Douglas Gardens and Gossoms Ride who, not unnaturally, are concerned about the noise nuisance that will be caused by boisterous youngsters and submitted a petition to the town council. But this site also has many advantages – being in an area that already has a lot of outdoor sporting activity. The town council and the youth town council now have to work out how this new facility can be managed – it will be done locally although the borough council will pay for the maintenance of the surfaces and fencing. ❖

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Avid birdwatcher **David Simmons** summarises 13 years of statistics.

Having stopped counting the birds in my garden after 13 years of systematic recording it may be time to share some of the statistics. The figures are obtained by using the BTO garden bird watch method: the highest number of a species seen in each week is added together giving a total for the year (which in my case runs from March to end of February). Minor adjustments allow for holidays, illness, or being too busy to count!

The yearly total rose fairly steadily from 1988 to 1995 in which year 2,863 of the main species were recorded (plus 'occasionals'). Since then there has been a regular decline - to 1,571 in 2000 (to the end of February 2001). The total in the first year (1988) was 1,919, which gives an indication of the scale of the rise and decline. The last four years have all recorded record lows.

The figures in the table below show details for the worst hit species. I have shown the highest number recorded together with the year, and the figure for 2000. No species has recorded its 'best' year since 1996 except - yes, you've guessed it - the collared dove (in 1997) which along with the blackbird has remained remarkably consistent. The last

Species	Highest no. (year)	No. in 2000
<i>Starling</i>	984 (1993)	580
<i>Blue tit</i>	150 (1991)	47
<i>Great tit</i>	79 (1994)	26
<i>Coal tit</i>	49 (1995)	10
<i>Song thrush</i>	50 (1988)	19
<i>Chaffinch</i>	115 (1996)	30
<i>Greenfinch</i>	148 (1995)	75
<i>Rook</i>	63 (1996)	24
<i>Jackdaw</i>	81 (1995)	17

five years have seen larger numbers of woodpigeons and the arrival of crows. Incidentally, magpies, blue tits and great tits all did well in 1995, contrary to the widely held view that magpies are a menace, and all three have declined since.

Now for some unscientific speculation on reasons for the

changes. I would be happy to be shot down by any readers with more accurate scientific data or by readers whose gardens are full of birds. Maybe yours is a more 'des res' than mine. But anecdotal evidence won't do. As I found compiling this article, memory can be very deceptive.

One factor that may be making the garden less attractive to birds is the general decrease in grass and earth areas, hedges and trees, and an increase in tarmac, bricks and fences, which reduces food, nesting and roosting facilities for some species. Unhelpful weather at breeding times and changes in farming practices are national factors. The recent crash in numbers of some of our farmland song birds may now mean that life is better there for the survivors and in turn this could lead to an exodus away from gardens to the countryside - perhaps? More people now provide regular food and water; we are all competing for the same birds. Then there are the cats, which may not kill, but certainly disturb.

Let's finish on a more cheerful note. Some of the 'occasionals' recorded in recent years have included green woodpecker (12 times) and great spotted woodpecker (8 times) in 2000; 19 goldfinches in 1999; 14 crossbills and a tree creeper in 1997; 11 pied wagtails in 1996; a nuthatch for six weeks in 1996 and 11 siskin in 1996 (but none since 1998).

It would be interesting to hear of other local experiences. My number is 864634.



London's Underground system played a unique part during the war years between 1939 and 1945. **Stephen Halliday** concludes his study.

Deep shelters

As war approached government officials had considered what steps should be taken to provide secure accommodation for public bodies in the event of war. In March, 1939, the disused Down Street station between Hyde Park Corner and Green Park was offered as accommodation for the railway executive committee which would assume responsibility for running the railway network in the event of war. The station had opened in March, 1907 and closed in May, 1932 through lack of passenger traffic. The passageways leading to the platforms were fitted out for emergency use with offices, bathrooms

and lavatories which remain there. None of the facilities are visible from passing trains because of a brick partition erected to conceal them, the work being carried out at night so that it could not be observed from passing trains which might contain German spies. The offices were used during the war by the railway executive committee and occasionally by the War Cabinet, Churchill himself on one occasion being reported walking across Green Park to this unconventional meeting place. Similar suites were established at six other Underground stations, with accommodation for 350 people. One of

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them, the disused Brompton Road station, became the headquarters of the anti-aircraft batteries which protected London.

‘Paddock’, the station that never was

In his account of the war, Churchill refers to the need for secure accommodation for government departments in the following terms:

It was necessary to construct all kinds of strongholds under or above ground from which the executive, with its thousands of officials, could carry out their duties. The citadel for the war Cabinet had already been prepared near Hampstead, with offices and bedrooms, and wired and fortified telecommunications. This was called ‘Paddock’.

Churchill records holding a Cabinet meeting there, ‘far from the light of day’ on 29th September 1940, as the RAF celebrated its victory in the Battle of Britain in the skies above London and the nightly blitz took hold. There were many such shelters in the London area.

It is normally assumed that ‘Paddock’ was the shelter beneath the Post Office research station at Dollis Hill. However, Churchill would not have confused Dollis Hill and Hampstead, so it is likely that ‘Paddock’ was North End station on the Northern Line between Hampstead and Golders Green. The Hampstead Tube, opened in 1907, had always intended to build the station here, close to Wyldes Farm in Golders Green. However a formidable resident, Henrietta Barnett, successfully campaigned to save the surrounding area, adjacent to Hampstead Heath, from housing development. This made the station unattractive to the builders of the line since they needed a steady flow of commuters from the local dwellings if the station was to pay its way. The station tunnels and platforms were already built when the decision was taken to abandon the station, which thus never opened. This station certainly fits Churchill’s description of ‘Paddock’ as

‘near Hampstead...far from the light of day’ and further evidence was found by Peter Laurie when he was researching his book *Beneath the City Streets*. He was contacted by a man who had been on sentry duty near the station in 1940 ‘when Mr Churchill popped out of the ground at my feet’. Presumably this was on the day of the Cabinet meeting to which Churchill referred. Since the war the station facilities have been used to store engineers’ materials and a house, 1, Hampstead Way, has been built on the site of the unbuilt booking hall. The station is referred to by Underground staff as ‘The Bull and Bush’, the nearby pub made famous in a musical song. It is the only station on the system which was built but never opened.

The Empire Windrush

In June, 1948, as the *SS Empire Windrush* approached Tilbury with 510 immigrants from the West Indies the government dithered about what to do with them. There was wild talk of sending a destroyer, HMS Sheffield, to turn back the boat and speculation that the Caribbean visitors would not survive the English winter. Eventually, having recognised that as Commonwealth citizens they could not be refused entry, the Home Office sent a former RAF policeman called Baron Baker, who was active in community affairs, to meet the ship and it was he who suggested that the Clapham Common deep shelter be used to house the visitors. Almost half of them moved in and made their way in the days that followed to the nearest Labour Exchange (Jobcentre) in Coldharbour Lane, Brixton. Thus was the Afro-Caribbean community of Brixton born. ❖

This series of articles is based on Stephen Halliday’s new book Underground to Everywhere: London’s underground railway in the life of the capital, published by Sutton on 20th August, price £19.99, 224 pages.



Alex Evans reflects on this year's Petertide Fair, the twentieth fair held by the parish.

The 20th Petertide Fair was blessed with a God given glorious sunny day.

This year we will be able to meet our target of sending at least £3,500 to each of the two causes. Locally, the Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter (DENS) will be better able to help homeless people rebuild their lives. In South Africa the HOPE Africa Foundation will convert a container to provide a sorely needed doctor's room in the Brown's Farm shanty township.

Town mayor Garrick Stevens started the events of the day. The schools provided events in the church and outside in the arena. They never fail to delight the audience with their musical pieces and displays of dance. The girls of the Berkhamsted Gym Club demonstrated their agility with acrobatics and dance, and later gave opportunity for young spectators to try out their trampoline.

The widest variety of stalls yet added to the pleasure, and to the funds. Entertainment for the younger visitor was provided by badge making, face painting, modelling, and craft. For older children, the china smash and football shoot gave an outlet for their energy. Bric-a-brac, and the silent auction of more valuable items, toys, plants, books and cakes provided 'buying opportunities'. Games of chance, tombolas, and the key, egg shell and wine

games and much else were on offer. Liz Baxendale's *Who Dunit* game with its so talented modelling of scenes and people baffled the keenest sleuths (see page 23 of this issue). Refreshments and food again served us and the causes well. Although no arias were sung around tables, the choristers gave an excellent performance as providers, waiters and waitresses.

The Fair ended with an inter-church 'pentathlon' with a dramatic finish in which the priest in charge of All Saints', Fr Robin Figg, threw himself over the finishing line in Olympic fashion to just pip the St Peter's church team at the post.

The role of the organising committee over the years has been one of co-ordinating the Fair and the work of the volunteers. My personal thanks go to the members of the committee who all did so much and took on many responsibilities. The heartfelt thanks of the entire committee are due to everyone who responded so magnificently in so many ways to make the Fair such a success. We also thank our programme advertisers who enable us to publicise the Fair so effectively.

Special thanks are due to Brian Bennett, past president of the Royal Society of Oils, whose canal painting made such a splendid first prize in the prize draw.

Above all we thank the good Lord for the blessing of our well-favoured lives in Berkhamsted and the opportunity to help others through the enjoyment and satisfaction of community activities. Formally, it is called social justice and outreach. Less formally, it is best summed up by the message from the minister in charge at Brown's Farm who writes, "It makes our hearts leap when we experience the Anglican Community at work". Thank you. ❖

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*The St Peter's Open Day on Sunday, 15th July has added a further £350 to the Fair proceeds, meaning that the magnificent total of around **£7,300** has been reached.*



the FAIR gallery



- ↑ Luverly balloons!
- ← Victoria School country dancers
- ↓ Thomas Coram instrumentalists

- ↑ Town mayor Cllr Garrick Stevens opens the Fair
- ↓ The craft stall produced an impressive frieze



- ↓ The Gym Club in full fling
- Crossing the pain barrier in the Pentathlon! →



- ↑ Pupils from Ashlyns School entertained with live music (pictured with head-teacher Richard Dalziel).

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Day Three: Cottenham to Littleport

After a good night's sleep I feel very much better! No question of giving up. After overnight rain it's a lovely day, and warmer. I admired the church at Cottenham, with its extraordinary tower topped by bulbous and knobbly pinnacles resembling pineapples.

Now I'm in the fen country. It is very watery. Long straight roads stretch to the horizon, with few landmarks to reassure me that I'm actually getting somewhere. The road out of Cottenham has the strange name of Twenty Pence Road. A local tells me that it refers to the toll for a former ferry over the Great Ouse, but 20 pence sounds very steep for those days!

A motorist pulls up and offers me a lift - the first time this has happened. After a brief struggle with my conscience I decline with thanks.

At Witchford the tower of Ely Cathedral comes into view, as if beckoning me onward. Before long I am enjoying tea and cakes in the refectory, after which I sit in the nave for a few minutes of stillness and meditation. Now comes a message from my muscles to the effect that 12 miles is quite enough after yesterday's endurance test. So I take the train for the final six miles to Littleport.

Today's most pleasant sight: a huge flock of swallows, newly arrived from Africa, wheeling and circling in the sky. And the least pleasant: unbelievable quantities of litter disfiguring the verges of even minor country roads - cans, bottles, plastic containers, crisp packets, car tyres, even bulky items such as mattresses. Sometimes I find it hard to love my fellow men.

Diary of a Pilgrim

Gerry Morrish continues his account of his walk to Walsingham as part of the parish pilgrimage.

Day Four: Littleport to Narborough

The day dawned misty but dry. There are two parallel roads leading north from Littleport, the little-used old road on the west bank of the Great Ouse, and the busy modern A10 on the east bank. Naturally I would prefer the old road, but I would have to cross

the river six miles further on, and there is no bridge. So as I don't fancy a swim, there is no alternative to the A10. For about a mile I trudge along, dodging the oncoming traffic. I can't even see the river, as my view is blocked by a high embankment. Then, not before time, an idea strikes me. I climb to the top of the embankment and discover a grassy track. What bliss! By this means I make my way to the village of Southery, where every other building is either dilapidated or actually falling down. One such is the ancient parish church, the ruins of which stand near the Victorian church which has replaced it. I wonder why the old church was not repaired, and ask of the Oldest Inhabitant whom I see approaching, but he doesn't know. "It's been a ruin all my lifetime, that's all I can tell you."

I am now in Norfolk, as the rich black earth testifies. Only one county left! Hereabouts the verges are littered not with crisp packets but - carrots! The mystery is soon solved as lorries come past piled high with these vegetables. I pass an enormous sugar factory and wonder whether carrots are used these days as well as sugar beet. You get some strange ideas on these long walks.

I'm beginning to tire badly. I've been walking since 7:30am. It's now noon and I've covered about 10 miles with no breaks. There have been no pubs or tea

shops, nowhere even to sit down. Never mind, I'm approaching Wereham where the map indicates 'PH'. I visualise the shandy and sandwich which await. At last the PH comes into view - and it's closed until the evening. My morale plummets. Nothing for it but to press on to the next village, Fincham, about five miles distant. I ask a local for directions.

After walking half a mile in the wrong direction I realise I've been speaking to the village idiot, and retrace my steps. It begins to rain. My morale is at rock bottom. I find the right road and force my protesting limbs on. This expedition wasn't meant to be a penance, but it certainly feels like one. I'm tottering along at a steady one mile per hour, and there are still two miles to go. Morale has disappeared altogether. Then I hear a car approaching along this lonely road. I abandon all sense of shame and for the first time in 40 years I thumb a lift. The driver stops, bless him. Soon I'm installed in the *Swan* at Fincham, and the shandy and sandwich are a reality. Morale gradually returns.

Nevertheless this is the moment of decision. It has become abundantly clear that my daily limit is twelve or at most fifteen miles. I've already covered that distance, and there are still six miles to go. It's raining harder, too. The locals tell me that there are no buses to Narborough, so I will have to go by taxi. But no - several phone calls reveal that all the local taxis are booked for the school run. Disaster looms, but once again an angel in disguise - that of a pub customer - saves my bacon. He insists on driving me to Narborough, and refuses payment. So after a visit to the interesting church, and a chat with the friendly vicar, I make my way to journey's end, a comfortable cottage set in the leafy grounds of Narborough Hall.

Day Five: Narborough to Walsingham

I'm being very sensible today (Shirley please note). The plan is to walk approximately eight miles to Great

Massingham, and then after lunch to catch a bus to Walsingham which will get me there in good time to meet up with the rest of the Berkhamsted party at 5pm.

The sky is threatening but the rain holds off. I leave Narborough Hall behind and go past Narford Hall - stately homes abound hereabouts. Snowdrops are out in the woods. Then West Acre with its ruined priory. I make a detour to West Acre gardens, hoping for a tea shop. No tea shop, but a gardener invites me to drink refreshing spring water from a pump. Back on the road the tarmac gives way to turf, for which my feet are grateful. I pass several large piggeries - all free-range and cruelty-free, I'm glad to see, and East Anglia has been mercifully free of foot and mouth. Then into Great Massingham for a leisurely lunch at the inn, a rather dreary establishment. After a look around the village with its five ponds - originally monastic fish ponds - I catch the bus, and enjoy a scenic route which takes in the intriguing villages of Little and Great Snoring.

Now here I am at the end of the road. There have been lows as well as highs, but I'm glad I've done it. I feel somehow - what's the word? - purged, perhaps, and more ready to participate wholly, not just intellectually, in the retreat to come. I've learnt useful lessons about my physical limitations, and about the need to temper obstinacy with common sense. I've also encountered much unexpected kindness - especially in pubs!

The Weekend: Walsingham

I have tried the editor's patience long enough, and will leave it to others to describe in detail the events of the retreat. For me there were highs and lows as there were on the walk, and but it was a fascinating and occasionally illuminating experience. Thanks go to Fr Mark for organising the weekend, and to Michael and Tracy Robinson who gave me a lift home. Sorry, but I didn't walk back!





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During the recent foot and mouth epidemic we were told that the countryside was open. Norman Cutting went to investigate. Thankfully, the disease is now under control but as Norman shows we, in Hertfordshire who escaped direct infection, have much to be thankful for.

Well, was it open?

Norman Cutting writes from the Yorkshire Dales, from where he surveys the state of the countryside.

Saturday / Sunday

On the day we arrived, notices were posted around the village stating that yet another suspected outbreak of foot and mouth was located just down the road (later to be confirmed). The sheep were grazing in the fields and the smoke from a previous pyre was drifting down the valley. All the footpaths are closed and the sight of the army on the roadside brought home the fact that the countryside is actually not open. Large articulated lorries trundle down country lanes with just what appears to be a tarpaulin over the load and disappear into a field, which often has a small JCB type of vehicle scurrying around stoking a long mound of smouldering material.

Disinfectant mats are placed at the entrance to every hamlet, village or town

formed the valley. All are closed and the only place to walk the dogs is along the road. In fact the one thing that strikes the visitor is just how many dogs are being walked along the roads.

The reason is that there are no parks to speak of, unlike in and around our town as they do not have the need. Normally, you just fall out of bed and the Dales are there. But now though they are still there they are inaccessible, unless you are in the countryside when, of course, they are open!

Monday

As several farms straddle other farms, many of the lanes leading away from the main 'A' roads are closed. Just to reinforce the signs, the army Land Rovers are stationed alongside. As I sit looking out of the window, the footpaths either side of the village hall both have one sign requesting dog owners to clear up after them with the red 'footpath closed' one underneath. An army vehicle drives through the village and a local resident walks up to the notice board outside the hall to see if any news has been added to the various notices detailing changes to the refuse collection dates, candidates for the election, information on what you cannot do during the foot and mouth outbreak and the location of the latest local outbreak. We visited Bolton Castle, which is some five miles from the local pyre, and the

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smell was still noticeable even at that distance.

Tuesday

As we walked the dogs down the lane, a pile of sheep is laying in a pen. A little further down the lane we notice about ten sheep together with their lambs are laid neatly out just a gateway from the road. We thought we would trundle off to the county town of Richmond and see what a proper town is like. On the way, we saw the land rovers, articulated lorries, diggers complete with vets and men in white overalls, which suggested carcasses about to be moved. This was before we got as far as the main road! When we returned, the lane was blocked and cattle were being shovelled into the back of the lorry. Tomorrow we will find out if the sheep went away as well.

Wednesday

Today we thought we would try further afield and crossed one of the moors - under instructions not to leave the road - and visited one of the numerous waterfall trails in the Dales. The caves were open, but the trail was cut short due to proximity of countryside. Ho hum.

The village is still cut off at one end and all the traffic has to turn around. The army is still in attendance and 'our' sheep still lying at rest.

Thursday

The forecast was for dry sunny weather today, but for some reason it turned out misty, damp and wet so the opportunity was taken to visit the Dales countryside museum which was indoors and next to a company which makes all kinds of ropes. The site also housed one of the Dales information centres where a list was available of all the various attractions in the area which were open.

Today three more pyres have been spotted in the valley below and these coupled with the one just along the lane mean that we are not often without the smell of burning flesh in our nostrils. On the plus side, the carcasses that have been lying around have finally been removed and 'our' local pyre stoked up and is smouldering well.

Friday

The last day and the sun has come out! The plan for today changed in order to take advantage and we set out to visit one or two outdoor locations only to be thwarted as sheep were grazing on part of the sites and therefore closed. Never mind, plan 'B' promptly swung into action and a visit to a brewery hastily arranged which finished a frustrating week on a high note.



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I had not realised, when I set up my *Three Dimensional Cluedo* for the Petertide Fair, what a study in humanity it would turn out to be!

Those who came to spend their 50p and to try to find out who had killed the Rev. Iver Imbuck, with what, and where, were as fascinating to me as the game was to them!

Some just took a chance and filled in the appropriate letters and numbers at random, but others spent time trying to work out the clues, most of which I must confess were pretty unhelpful!

First on the scene was 'James' (aged six or seven?) who solemnly talked me through the whole sordid story and filled in his answers. When I pointed out that he had had *three* goes, he was put out. "But *that's* right", he said. Having asked him to pretend it wasn't (it wasn't!) he then went on twice more to spell it all out, logically and with great reasoning powers! (Both answers were wrong-sadly.) As he walked away, obviously sure that his *first* answer was correct, he threw over his shoulder, "I play Cluedo at home, you know!"

An older ex-naval type spent ages going through a 'process of elimination', all very logical I'm sure, but incorrect.

A young wife kept her husband waiting while she grappled with the clues. Seeing his patience wearing thin, I suggested she 'take pot luck'. "Oh no!", she insisted. "She's always like this!", remarked the now desperate husband. It was interesting to see in many couples an obvious attraction of opposites - thoughtful wife, erratic husband; impetuous husband, careful wife - and so on. I quite enjoyed it all.

Murder at Midsommer St Peter!

If you came to the Petertide Fair, you might have been tempted by **Liz Baxendale's** challenge. All is now revealed!

And here for all of them - for nobody guessed all three elements correctly - is the real story!

On Friday morning the vicar's wife found herself short of tea bags. Due to a flood at the nearest Tesco store the supermarket was closed, so she sent the Rev. Iver to the local grocery store belonging

to Arnold Butterbox. Arnold had, as usual, gone to the cash and carry, leaving the shop in the care of a rather dull young man who was trying to get some cash together to spend on a young lady he fancied.

Miss Squirrel saw Iver pass her antique shop. Angry because he had refused to pay to clean a priceless rug on which the vicar's dog had 'cocked its leg' she picked up the bottle (which she had emptied the night before, being fond of a drop of red wine), followed him up the street and as the vicar entered the grocers, she clobbered him on the back of the head. Iver fell dead in the shop doorway.

Miss Squirrel quickly dropped the bottle into the nearby litter bin, and calling to the shop assistant, asked him to help the poor vicar "into the fresh air, for the poor man has fainted".

The young man did so and while he was struggling with the dead weight of the vicar, Miss Squirrel slipped back to her own shop, dived into the Morris Minor and headed for Scotland as fast as she could.

As the vicar did not come round, the young man went to phone for an ambulance and it was the ambulance man who pronounced him dead.

So the correct answer was **E 2 V**. Thanks to all who tried - and especially James! He should go far! ❖

“Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest”
(Mark 6:31)

Quiet Places and Quiet Gardens

Finding space for God in a busy life challenges most of us. **Victoria Macdonald** suggests one way of ‘being still’.

The Quiet Garden Trust was founded in 1995 by Philip Roderick. It is an ecumenical Christian organisation providing a ministry of hospitality, pastoral support and prayer. The headquarters are at Stoke Poges. It was designed to provide places for people with busy lives to be still, reflect, pray and enjoy. The first idea came from sitting in a beautiful garden and many people in this country, and now overseas too, have offered their gardens for this purpose. In our climate it is not always possible to be in a garden and in inner cities they may not exist, so the idea of having quiet places as well as quiet gardens began. Quiet places have been created successfully in the most unlikely spots, such as the narrow space next to St Matthew’s church in Camberwell.

Encouraged by a small team, Rae Moyise and Michael and Liz Beloe started Berkhamsted Quiet Places in 1997. We meet twice a term in someone’s home. There is a short time to chat over coffee on arrival and the rest of the two to three hours is spent in silence. Usually we have an invited leader who gives two inputs of prayer focus, for example *Praying in God’s presence: Praying in God’s absence*. In between these inputs those taking part are free to sit or walk where they will and enjoy having the time to themselves and being with God. This is special uninterrupted time for each person taking part which is almost impossible to achieve in one’s own home because there are always things which we feel we ought to be doing and cannot ignore. We close

with prayer together. Occasionally we have an unled ‘time to be still’ when we can enjoy reflecting on readings, poems and meditations on our own. Time for God to encourage the spiritual side of ourselves. There is always someone available if we need to pray or discuss something confidentially.

Recently I read the following from a devotional guide. It was called *Living at the Centre* by Stephen Bryant:

I grew up in ‘hurricane alley’ on the Gulf coast of Texas. Despite their ferocity, hurricanes have always fascinated me. Paradoxically, at the centre of a hurricane force is a still, calm space. This ‘eye’ defines it as a hurricane, rather than as just random winds, and helps to intensify and organise its power.

The redemptive power of the Christian life is certainly different from the destructive fury of a hurricane. And yet, the hurricane reminds us that the secret of Christians’ living as a sustained force for good in the world depends on maintaining an interior space for God. Then we become more than merely gusts of good intentions and breathless activity. We and our churches become a powerful force for God.

Quiet places and gardens give us the opportunity to find a still, calm place with no responsibility and permission to spend time listening to God and discovering how He wants to shape us, lead us, and use us in service for Him.

If you would like to know more about Berkhamsted Quiet Places or to be on the mailing list then you are invited to contact Frances Norrington (871855). ❖



**Rev Peter Hart
has some ideas
for those who are
not away during
August.**

August already, and my time of study and reflection has come to an end. I have read a lot, visited some wonderful churches and seen some exciting projects, both in our diocese and elsewhere. I have even put pen to paper - or fingers to keyboard, to be more precise. The time has been informative, productive and has certainly re-orientated some of my thinking. Quite what the effect will be locally is a matter of waiting, discussing and applying things within our context.

Enough, though, of what I have been up to. The parish has continued to offer worship, to baptise and to marry, to commend the dead to almighty God, to visit the sick and to pray for the world. The faithful witness of the Church does not and has not stopped just because the rector has been on study leave - I know that, as the bells keep on reminding me! The experiences of the parish through these past three months have now to be drawn together with the results of my work to produce a current context for the continued life of the parish and the development of the ministry of the whole Church in Northchurch. The future beckons, and the possibilities are great.

This is, however, a quiet month for the church - holidays, family visits and so on, and there are no doubt some in the parish who are wondering just what to do with their children. Wonder no more! During the third week of August, we have just the thing for your children, a week of activities, every morning, in the parish room and spilling outside. Take this opportunity to join together with other

local children for fun, creativity and play. Details like times and contacts appear in the panel on this page.

With half the parish away on holiday, this is also an opportunity to use the quietness to pray and to share in the prayer life of the Church more fully. The weekly pew leaflet has subject areas for prayer, and even if you don't make it to church on Sunday, the pew leaflet is always available in the church porch. If there is an issue you feel the Church ought to be praying about, or joining you in your prayer concerns, write a note on the prayer board in the church porch. Your note will be found and the prayer topic will be shared by the congregation.

If, however, you just want to go on a church crawl this August, may I offer this route: Sarratt, Essenden, Ashwell (Herts), Cranfield, Yelden, Chellington (Beds) - and there are pubs and tea rooms a-plenty near each one! ❖

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST

These take place in the third week of August in the parish room from 10:00am to 11:30am on Monday to Friday. At 10:00am on the following Sunday there will be a grand parade under the theme of *Animal Magic*, which will feature decorations created during the week's activities.

For further details please phone youth worker Andy Moody (871906).

SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS'

Please note that from 5th August until further notice there will be **no** Sunday 8:00am Anglican Eucharist at All Saint's, and all Sunday Evensongs will be at 6:00pm at St Peter's.

FR ROBIN FIGG: INSTITUTION AND INDUCTION AT ST ANDREW'S, KILDWICK

Fr Robin's induction and institution in his new parish in Kildwick, Yorkshire is now to be at 2:30pm on 8th September (brought forward from the 22nd). If you are interested in joining the day's coach trip it may still be possible to add your name – please speak with Peter McMunn on 874894. The farewell service for Fr Robin is at 10:00am on 5th August, to be followed by a barbecue.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The gardens at Ashridge Management College provided a delightful afternoon's entertainment for visitors under the *All Gardens Great and Small* fund raising initiative of the Children's Society on Sunday 1st July.

Entrance charges, a raffle, plant and cake sales, and teas gave rise to a profit of £1,260 towards the work of the society. Thanks are due to the management college for so helpfully supporting the society in its work.

The annual **Exhibition of Needlecraft** will take place in Great Missenden on Friday to Sunday, 17th-19th August between 11:00am and 4:30pm. Expect at least sixty talented exhibits of a variety of needlecraft. Teas will be served. Details from Ann Browning (864968).

A SPECIAL INVITATION

All Anglicans, especially those at All Saints', are cordially invited to the induction service at All Saints' for the new Methodist minister, Rev. Paul Timmis, at 6:30pm on Sunday, 9th September. At the same service Rev. David

Collinson will be affirmed as superintendent minister of the circuit and Caroline Weaver will be commissioned to be chaplain of HMP Bovingdon. The governor of The Mount and some prison fellowship volunteers will be attending. District chairman Rev. Garth Rogers will lead the service in his last visit to All Saints' before he retires.

SUPPORT GROUP MONTHLY LUNCH

The Grief and Loss Support Group will be having a monthly lunch at the Old Mill at 12:30pm on the third Wednesday in the month. The August event will take place on the 15th. Please contact either Thelma Harris (865785) or Sylvia Banks (871195) if you would like to attend or if you would like further details.

For other matters concerning the group please contact either Sylvia Banks or Ruth Treves-Brown (863268).

JOINT CHOIR

The All Saints' joint choir is taking an important role in six services coming up over the next five months:

5th Aug: Fr Robin's farewell service
9th Sept: Welcome to Rev. Paul Timmis,
new Methodist minister
7th Oct: Hospice service
1st Nov: All Saints' Day
2nd Dec: Advent carol service
23rd Dec: Christmas carol service

Each service has associated rehearsal dates. Please contact Pat Hearne (871270) or Ruth Treves-Brown (863268) if you would like to take part.

ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Are you interested in a pilgrimage including visits to Rome, Assisi and Florence in April 2003? This would be a 10 day trip costing around £1,000 per person. If you are interested please speak with Fr Mark Bonney.

HILLSIDE GROUP

8pm on Tuesdays at 32 Hillside Gardens

In September the Hillside Group will be one year old. The group grew out of our 2000 ecumenical Lent group in response to a challenge to provide more opportunities to learn and grow together. The group comprises members of both All Saints' congregations. We would like others to join us and have planned a stimulating programme for the autumn, focusing on Paul's letter to the Galatians. At each session, we will study one chapter of Galatians. John Malcolm will introduce the programme on Tuesday September 11th. Alan Cox leads our session at the end of October; and Fr Mark Bonney joins us at the end of the programme on 27th November.

Do think carefully whether this programme might be for you. If you would like to come along, please contact us on 875504 or via email at r.wakely@arsenalfc.net

Rob and Julie Wakely

OXFAM'S CHILDREN'S WEAR EVENT

**Civic Centre, Thursday 6th September
9:00am – 11:30am**

Come Help Move a Mountain

Politicians pontificate about debt relief and demonstrators rail against the globalisation of big business. But poverty and hunger can't wait. On the ground, Oxfam is striving now to give a better quality of life to deprived people in the developing world. In Berkhamsted, volunteers working in the Oxfam charity shop receive donated goods and serve customers like you. Between us all, we truly make a difference to lives blighted by hunger, poverty and lack of clean drinking water.

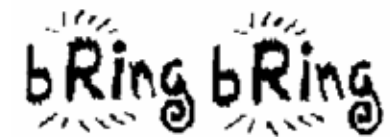
My 'mountain' is of toys, books, nursery equipment and, above all, children's clothes, often new, outgrown, or just unwanted. All clothes are prepared to be in pristine condition, ready for wear by your pride and joy, whether new-born or fast growing teenager. The mountain is bigger than it was for the children's wear event in March, when we raised over £1,700. My dream for the

forthcoming event in 2001 is to raise £2,001, or more.

Your generous donations of clothes and children's items continue to flood in, our stock never diminishes. Now we need our devoted core of discerning customers who regularly come to the children's wear event to come again, bringing friends, and newcomers to support the cause. You will be delighted with the quality, quantity, price and choice of the goods available.

Oxfam needs you, whether as volunteers, donors or purchasers. The poverty stricken in distant lands thirst for your help. We can make a difference to their lives, while we help ourselves. So please share my dream, come on 6th September, and help move the mountain.

BRING! BRING! TO OXFAM



your old mobile to Oxfam



Do you have one of the country's twelve million unused mobile phones taking up space in your house? If so, why not donate it to Oxfam's *Bring Bring* recycling scheme which raises an average £5 per phone for the charity's funds (some models are worth much more).

The scheme brings much needed modern telecommunications technology to countries where the latest models would be prohibitively expensive.

Donated phones are refurbished by ISIS Telecommunications for further use. Ideally donors should remove the SIM card before giving the phones in. Accessories such as chargers are also welcome. The scheme is being administered at no direct cost to Oxfam but each £5 could provide support for a youth training workshop in Haiti, seedlings for a tree nursery in Bangladesh or fruit trees for Burkina Faso. *Bring! Bring!*

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.



At our July meeting our president, Liz Baxendale, welcomed members with a reading of a poem.

We were pleased to have with us Mrs Gill Blumson from Berkhamsted institute who was to report to us on the IGM meeting held at Cardiff in June. Together with secretary Janet Mitchell they took us through the business matters and discussed the institute outing to be taken later in the month.

Mrs Gill Blumson gave us her report of the IGM which she attended on our behalf. Both resolutions were passed. There were amendments to the resolution concerning the care of the elderly in residential accommodation to include those patients living in their own homes.

Our speaker, James Cuming, gave a most amusing and interesting talk on his experiences as a police constable with Thames Valley Police in the late Fifties in High Wycombe. His talk, entitled *Helmets and Handcuffs*, enabled him to tell us of various day to day incidents as a young police constable when his burning desire was to capture a villain!

An expression of thanks was given by Joy Lovell.

During teatime the raffle was drawn and the competitions judged. James Cuming, our speaker, gave several bunches of sweetpeas for the raffle. Their scent filled the room!

On 3rd August we will be holding a members meeting at the Court House at 2:00pm. New members will be made most welcome. ❖

Priest-in-charge of All Saints' Appointed

Contrary to my gloomy prognostications in last month's *Review* I am pleased to announce that I have appointed a new priest-in-charge of All Saints' who will begin his ministry in January 2002. He is the Revd Martin Wright, at present non-stipendiary curate of St Mary's Marshalswick, St Albans, and head teacher of a primary school in Potters Bar. Fr Martin has been ordained three years and has been given permission by the Bishop to transfer to stipendiary ministry. He is gifted in many areas, is a fine musician and will be a great asset to the parish. He is married to Geraldine who is a music teacher. They have two children, the elder has left home, the younger one is at university. I am delighted that the diocese has put Fr Martin in our direction and am very much looking forward to working with him.

Father Martin

Dear Editor...

Have you got a point you'd like to make? Or a comment on something you've seen in the magazine? Then pick up a pen and write to us!

This is your magazine - we want to hear your comments, arguments and criticism. Don't leave it to someone else - our address is inside the front cover. And don't forget you can also email your letter to us, at review@c-of-e.freemasonry.co.uk.



SUNDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	8:00am	Eucharist				
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the Court House				
		6:00pm	Evensong [except 1st Sunday]				
	<i>All Saints'</i>	8:00am	<i>No Eucharist for time being.</i>				
		9:15am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the hall (<i>This service will be replaced by a family Eucharist or, All Saints' being shared with the Methodists, a 10:00am United Service as announced</i>)				
		6:30pm	Methodist service each Sunday until further notice.				
		7:30-9:30pm	Youth Fellowship (<i>contact Carole Dell 864706</i>)				
MONDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:00pm	Evening Prayer (EP)		
TUESDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP				
	<i>All Saints'</i>	9:30am	Eucharist				
WEDNESDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	6:45am	Eucharist	7:30am	MP	5:00pm	EP
THURSDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:00pm	EP
FRIDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	9:15am	Eucharist		
SATURDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP			5:00pm	EP
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1st Sunday	SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH: 12:30pm in the Court House <i>For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris 863780</i>						
Mondays	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP 8:00-9:00pm in the Court House as announced. Contact Sylvia Banks 871195 or Ruth Treves-Brown 863268.						
Mondays*	HOME GROUP: 8:00pm at 9 Hall Park. Victoria Macdonald 384953 (<i>*not 1st in month</i>)						
1st Tuesday	TUESDAY CLUB 8:15pm in the Court House <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker</i> Contact chairman Jean Bray 864532 or secretary Joan Gregory 864829.						
Tuesdays	CHUCKLES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 10:00-11:30am All Saints' Church Hall. Song Time or Short service as announced. Special activity weekly. Gillian Malcolm 874993 or Jenny Wells 870981.						
Tuesday	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:15pm third Tuesday at 61 Kitsbury Road. Tell us if anyone needs our prayers. Contact: Jenny Wells 870981						
Tuesday	TUESDAY STUDY GROUP: Tuesdays 1:15-3:00pm for informal Bible study. <i>Young children welcome.</i> Contact: Kate Semmens 866531 HILLSIDE GROUP: 8.00pm [alternate weeks] at 32 Hillside Gardens for <i>Bible study.</i> Contacts: Rob & Julie Wakely 875504						
2nd Tues	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Margaret Barnard 862794						
Wednesdays	MEDITATION GROUP: meets about twice a month as arranged at Jenny's 57 Meadow Road and at Ruth's 1 Montague Road. <i>Everyone is very welcome to join us for about half an hour of quiet prayer.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981 or Ruth Treves Brown 863268						
Wednesday	PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB 7:00-8:30pm in All Saints' Hall. Carole Dell 864706						
2nd Wed	MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP: 8:00pm at Peaches Bistro or as announced. For information and booking: Rodney Cottrell 384963 or Steve Spall 873470						
4th Wed	WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: meets 2:30-4:00pm in the Court House. The meetings are usually addressed by a guest speaker and the group attracts senior members for whom lifts can be arranged. <i>New members and visitors always welcome.</i> Contact: Vera Pullen 862196						
Thursday	BELLRINGING: 8:00pm at St Peter's. Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863804						
Friday	LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-11:30am in the Court House. Weekly meetings with a short service on 1st Fridays in St P (10:00am). Nicole Addy 828541						
Friday	ST PETER'S CHOIR: Children 7:00-8:30pm (& Tuesday 5:15-6:30pm), Adults 7:30-8:30pm. Contact: Adrian Davis 864722 or Jean Wild 866859						
3rd Sat	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast & prayers. Various local churches.						
Sunday	YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP 7:30-9:30pm in the Court House. Contact Carole Dell 864706.						

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There is Eucharist every Tuesday (9:30am) at All Saint's and every Wednesday (6:45am), Thursday (11:00am) and Friday (9:15am) at St Peter's. At St Peter's there is 7:30am Morning Prayer every weekday and 5:00pm Evening Prayer on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; there is 7:30am Morning Prayer and 5:00pm Evening Prayer on Saturdays. A priest is available for confessions by appointment (phone 864194).

August / September 2001

AUGUST

5	10:00am	Joint Holy Communion (Anglican Rite) Farewell to Fr Robin Figg	<i>All Saints'</i>
5	7:30pm	Serenata Ensemble: Adrian Davies (harpsichord), Mary Harris ('cello), Hazel Todd (oboe), Louise Tucker (soprano)	<i>St Peter's</i>
6	8:00pm	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
12	9:30am	Sung Eucharist (Fr Robin Figg) (Fr Robin's last service at St Peter's)	<i>St Peter's</i>
12	10:00am	Joint Morning Service (Methodist Rite) Mr C Watkins	<i>All Saints'</i>
18	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>St Michael's Sunnyside</i>
19	10:00am	Joint Holy Communion (Methodist Rite) Rev. B Allcott	<i>All Saints'</i>
26	10:00am	Joint Morning Service (Anglican Rite) Mrs J Wells	<i>All Saints'</i>

SEPTEMBER

3	8:00pm	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
8	All day	Beds & Herts Historic Churches sponsored bike ride	
9	6:30pm	Induction and Welcome – Paul Timmis	<i>All Saints'</i>
13	8:00pm	St Peter's Area Committee	<i>Court House</i>
	8:00pm	All Saints' Area Committee	<i>21 Park View Road</i>
15	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>Sacred Heart</i>

Registers

Baptisms (St Peter's)

17 June	Abigail Victoria Halsey-Creed, Joshua Baris Ozcan, Eleanor Grace Louisa Murphy
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Funerals

18 May	Charles William Leete	West Herts Crematorium
5 June	Mabel Annie (Maisie) Marriott	St Peter's church (Three Close Lane)
5 June	Rosemary Jane Whyman	Chilterns Crematorium
6 June	Peggy Eileen Timson	Chilterns Crematorium
20 June	Walter Raymond (Ray) Curson-Swallow	St Peter's (Chilterns Crematorium)
3 July	Catherine Wadkins	Chilterns Crematorium

Young people

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Sundays		Weekdays	
8.00am	Holy Communion (1st Sun BCP)	Holy Communion	
9.30am	Family Sung Eucharist with crèche, Sunday Schools & Pathfinders (in the Court House) followed by coffee in the Court House.	Wednesday	6.45am
		Thursday	11.00am
		Friday	9.15am
		Morning Prayer:	Mon-Sat 7:30am
		Evening Prayer:	M,W,Th 5:00pm
6.00pm	Evensong & Sermon (except 1st Sunday see All Saints')		Sat 5:00pm
Holy Days - see weekly Notices			

Weddings, Banns of Marriage, Baptisms, Funerals: Contact Father Mark Bonney.
Bellringers (St Peter's): Miss Priscilla Watt, 11 Cavalier Court, Chesham Road. Tel: 863804

Choirmaster: Peter McMunn Tel: 874894

Sundays
 8.00am No Anglican service until further notice
 9.15am Sung Eucharist with Sunday schools & Pathfinders, then coffee in the Hall
 11.00am (Methodist Morning Service)
 6.30pm No Anglican service until further notice (*see Evensong at St Peter's above*)

Weekdays
 Holy Communion: Tuesday 9.30am Holy Days - see weekly Notices
 (All Saints' is an Anglican / Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership)

Methodist minister: Rev. Paul Timmis will be inducted on 9th September (see page 26)



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